

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2334

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5 By: Representative Ferguson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW CITY OR TOWN COUNCILS TO ALLOW  
10 NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO  
11 FILE PETITIONS FOR NOMINATION NO LATER THAN THE  
12 DAY BEFORE THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO FILE PETITIONS FOR  
18 NOMINATION NO LATER THAN THE DAY BEFORE  
19 THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(h), concerning municipal primary  
26 elections, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

27 (h)(1) If the governing body of any city of the first class, city of  
28 the second class, or incorporated town chooses to hold nonpartisan municipal  
29 elections, it may enact an ordinance requiring candidates in the nonpartisan  
30 election to file petitions for nomination with the county clerk no later than  
31 noon on the day before the preferential primary election.

32 (2)(A) The ordinance shall be enacted no later than ninety (90)  
33 days prior to the filing deadline.

34 (B) The ordinance shall be published at least once a week  
35 for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately following adoption of the ordinance  
36 in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city.

